ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An agent includes a control processing section for performing a control of selectively collecting a plurality of management objects from a managed device,

5   and a memory section for storing the management objects collected from the managed device. Particularly, the control processing section includes an object managing section, having a plurality of classification data items for classifying the plurality of management

10   objects respectively, for collecting those of the management objects in advance which are classified to a specific type by the classification data to store the collected management objects in the memory section, for checking, at a time of receiving an object collection

15   request, the classification data item for a management object requested by the object collection request, for retrieving the management object confirmed by a check result as being of the specific type from the memory section to transmit the retrieved management object,

20   and for collecting the management object confirmed by the check result as being of a type other than the specific type from the managed device to transmit the collected management object.